AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A surround device for processing stereo multichannel signals including a surround channel signal decoded by a decoder adopting the Dolby Pro Logic method, the surround device comprising:

<u>a</u> boost <u>device</u> means for boosting <u>which boosts</u> high frequency components of a <u>said</u> surround channel signal in <u>said</u> stereo signals.

wherein said boost device comprises a level detector for detecting an output level of said surround channel signal, an operation portion for calculating and determining an amount of boost based on a result of said level detector, and a signal boost portion for boosting said surround channel signal based on a result of said operation portion.

- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) The surround device according to claim 1, <u>further</u> comprising <u>a</u> stereo <u>device which divides</u> means <u>for dividing</u> an output of said boost means <u>device</u> into two channel signals.
 - 4. (Canceled)